R. M. Chipman
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the lad was committed. When I was acquainted in '34 with the Institution they kept a record of the facts connected with the commitment of the "offenders," & an extract or abstract from that can be procured. I desire also to learn the employment & prospects of the lad, & to have him put into another condition if it be feasible or wise. It would be well if the matter could be attended to soon. After I found I could not myself go to N.Y. this spring, I requested a connexion in Ct. to do what I have asked herein of you — & he failing to attend the Anniversaries, it was not done. Perhaps I am the more desirous to learn regarding the boy, from the circumstance that Dr B's relations toward me are changed. He is now excluded from the Ch. under my care, is personally hostile, & a Comeouter etc. of the most rigid (or lax) sort. The lad's name is Anson (or Anderson) Taylor. If you would like to confer with Mr B. regarding the case, he is Principal of the "N. E. Institute" "Nos. 57 & 59 Bond St.;" house is "No 25 First Avenue". I have desired to obtain some another's view of the matter, before communicating again with Mr B. Please attend to the thing soon. If you cannot, be good enough to engage Rev. T. S. Wright or Dr Lafon in the business; & let me hear so soon as practicable. — Enclosed are two dollars which please hand to Union Missionary Society, of which 50 cents for the W. I. Mission.

Sincerely Yours R. M. Chipman

Paid to Byron

any body." Very well, then why not ~~bring them~~, if possible, to better principles—just what we seek regarding Presbyterians etc., instead of quasi admitting that they have done all which was required of them? But satis—verbum sat.

Now as to the business specially in hand. I wish to get you, if you can, to aid me & a little boy in your city. He is 14 years old. Five years since he was rescued from slavery by trial of a Mrs Taylor of Arkansas before S. J. C. of Ms., on process of Habeas Corpus procured by Dr Hoyt of this place & myself. He lived with Dr H. & I till Ap. '44. Then his charge being wholly on me, after consultation with friends, I committed him to Rev. G. S. Browne who removed from Hinsdale N.H. to your city. Mr B.'s account of the boy greatly cheered us. More than a year since he described him as the most virtuous boy he ever knew. I was of course grieved not a little at learning by letter from Mr B., dated in April, that he is in the "House of Refuge." Mr B. says that by degrees he became very vicious, stole, lied, &c. &c. habitually; would do nothing except as he stood over him; run him in debt for articles the money to get which, ~~he~~ had given him; & made various efforts with partial success to burn down Mr B.'s dwelling. &c. &c. What I desire is, to have you visit the boy & get his story, also the Keeper of the "House of R." & ascertain the charges on which

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Dear Bro. — I write on a private matter but a suggestion first as to the Reporter. I see, & love to, that you notice in it the A. S. action of such bodies as the Unitarians & Universalists who, lately, have passed many resolutions & made many speeches, but *do nothing more*. The impression is to some extent made by that means that these & such like bodies are in the foreground of action: whereas in fact the Congregationalists, &c. did year by year so much as *this* even so lately as from 1838 & 9 & on. I do not know that the Reporter glorifies these recent Revolutionized so much as some other A. S. papers e.g. the Worcester Co. Gazette & Emancipator: but I do know that you are the man to give the right impression as to the facts in the case. What I would have is credit given the recent ones in full of all they have done; & credit given the more ancient ones in full of their having done what they did in the olden time of the enterprise: &, what is of more importance still, a movement of all the parties up to the ultimatum of duty. I do not know that the non-evangelical denominations will ever do more than talk. Possibly this is why the Liberator *et id omne genus* beslabbers them with so much praise. They say their "principles" do not allow them to disfellowship